



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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TO: Members, OCC Board of Trustees

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President

SUBJECT: Items of Interest for the December 6, 2010, Board Meeting

DATE: December 1, 2010

Ocean County College Athletics

- ♦ The Ocean County College Women's Cross Country Team has had a great deal of success under Head Coach Ed Baynes. Last year, the team won the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division III National Championship; this year, the team finished as the NJCAA National Runner-Up.

The NJCAA Championship meet was held on November 13th at Sunken Meadow State Park in Long Island, New York. Angela Ciardelli was OCC's fastest runner, finishing 7th overall with a time of 21:05.80. Priscilla Robinson was the 2nd OCC runner to finish in 14th place with a time of 21:43.05. Alyssa Collier finished immediately after Priscilla in 15th place with a time of 21:45.00. For their excellent performances, Angela, Priscilla, and Alyssa were all named 2010 NJCAA Cross Country All-Americans.

Stephanie Paluchowski, Meghan Duffield, and Theresa Messano rounded out the Viking team with 20th, 29th, and 42nd place finishes, respectively, out of the 111 runner field. Mohawk Valley College, Utica, New York, won the meet, and SUNY Delhi, Oneonta, New York, placed third.

Assistant Athletic Director AJ Trump will attend Monday's meeting with Mr. Baynes and members of the Women's Cross Country Team so we may recognize their fine accomplishments.

The OCC Men's Cross Country Team finished its season in 13th place in the nation. Congratulations are extended to both the men's and women's teams.

- ♦ I am delighted to inform you that Athletic Director Ilene Cohen has been selected by the New Jersey Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women to be honored at the

National Girls and Women in Sports Day Luncheon that will be held on **Sunday, February 6, 2011**, at **Seton Hall University**.

To receive this honor, a **nominee** must have **New Jersey connections** and have made **significant contributions** to girls and women in sports. The nominee can be an athlete, coach, official, administrator, or professional. The nominee must have a significant measure of success in her area of expertise.

Ms. Cohen is certainly deserving of this honor, and we are very proud of her.

Spring 2011 Colloquium

The **Spring 2011 Colloquium** is scheduled for **Friday, January 21, 2011**, in the **Theatre of the Arts and Community Center**. The **Evening Colloquium** for adjunct faculty will take place on **Thursday, January 20, 2010**.

Friday morning will begin with a **continental breakfast** from **8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.** in the **Center Lobby**. I will address the **faculty and staff** at **9:00 a.m.** The **Colloquium topic** will focus on various **revisionary aspects** of the **College Restructuring Plan**, including **curricular transformation**, a subject **faculty** have been discussing regularly since **January**. **Four faculty subgroups** have been established, and each will present a **workshop** following my presentation in an effort to create a **campus-wide conversation** on **curricular transformation**. The topics of the workshop have been identified by **faculty** as **important concerns** for our academic programs.

Additional details about the **Colloquium** will be shared with you as they become available. In the meantime, please note the date on your calendars.

Ocean County Arts High School Program

The **Arts High School Program**, administered by the **Arts and Education Center**, has been operating for many years in **Middlesex and Monmouth counties** and will begin in **Ocean County** in **February 2011**. The program is a **special released-time opportunity** for artistically gifted and talented teens to attend classes at **OCC**, and the **successful completion** of the courses will satisfy **high school graduation requirements**. The classes have also been accredited by **OCC**, and the **credits** may be used by the students to achieve an **A.S. Degree in Performing Arts**.

The program is open to all students in **9th through 12th grades**, and participants are selected for the program by **audition**; **Ocean County auditions** will be held on **Saturday, December 11th**. **Arts High School classes** will meet for a **14-week term** from **February to May 2011**. The courses of study include **multi-genre writing, poetry, modern dance, jazz improv, music composition, brass ensemble, woodwind ensemble, percussion ensemble, musical theatre, theatre arts, visual arts, photography, and film making**.

The program is made possible in part by a grant from the **New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State**, a partner agency of the **National Endowment for the Arts**.

Dr. Nancy Gerry, OCC Director of School Relations, will be coordinating the program for the College.

Ocean County College Arts and Community Center

A number of events are scheduled in our newly renovated Arts and Community Center for the College community and the residents of Ocean County:

The month of December will feature several holiday performances:

- ◆ The OCC Concert Band presents *The Most Wonderful Time of the Year*, 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 4th
- ◆ Ballet for Young Audiences presents *The Nutcracker*, 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 5th
- ◆ The Community Chorus of OCC presents *Holiday Journeys*, 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 11th, and 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 12th
- ◆ Yates Musical Theatre presents *A Christmas Carol*, 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 19th

In addition, the Ocean County College Arts and Community Center Gallery will host exhibits featuring local and national artists:

- ◆ Now through December 12th, American Artists Professional League
- ◆ January 14th through February 13th, Photographer Diane Clayton and Glass Sculptor Yvonne Yaar
- ◆ February 14th through March 16th, Ocean County Teen Arts Festival
- ◆ March 21st through April 29th, Ocean County College Student/Faculty Art Show
- ◆ May 2nd through May 31st, Louis Riccio and Students, and Ceramicist Judi Tavill
- ◆ June, the Annual 2011 Senior Citizens Art Show

Several recitals are also scheduled for December, all of which are sponsored by the School of Languages and the Arts:

- ◆ December 7th – Student Recital with music of various styles, 2:00 p.m.
- ◆ December 8th – Guitar Recital by students of adjunct instructor Dr. Keith Calmes, 5:30 p.m.
- ◆ December 9th – The Art of Marimba, with Greg Giannascoli on marimba and Yukyung Kim on piano